



RESOLUTION

RENAMING THE WAIKELE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK THE MITSUO "MITS" SHITO
WAIKELE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK.

WHEREAS, subsections (e) and (f) of Sec. 22-9.5 of the Revised Ordinances of Honolulu 1990, as amended ("ROH"), states:

- (e) All naming or renaming of city parks, sites or facilities shall be by resolution by the council of the City and County of Honolulu. Approval for the erection or placement of permanent memorials shall be by resolution, provided that an appropriate budget ordinance has been enacted where required.
- (f) The council may, on its own motion, designate a name for a new or existing park, site, facility or memorial, consistent with the requirements set forth herein, by adoption of an appropriate resolution;

and

WHEREAS, additionally, ROH Sec. 22-9.3 states that, "in exceptional cases, a new or existing park, site or facility may be named for a person, or for a belief, ideal, concept or historical event of significance to the community, city, nation or world"; and

WHEREAS, Mitsuo "Mits" Shito was born on the island of Molokai on July 20, 1930; and

WHEREAS, Mits married his sweetheart, Genevieve Ilima Alani, in 1952 and they were married for 56 years until her passing in 2009; and

WHEREAS, upon graduating from Molokai High School in 1948, Mits Shito joined the military and served in the Hawaii Army National Guard for 42 years before retiring at the rank of Command Sergeant Major; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Mits successfully ran for a seat in the House of Representatives for the Pearl City/Waipahu area and served for 7 terms until retiring in 1988; and

WHEREAS, after retiring from the Legislature in 1988, Mits Shito was appointed to be the executive director of the Hawaii Housing Authority and served in that position until 1996; and



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WHEREAS, Mits was also a co-founder of the Waipahu Cultural Garden Park and Hawaii's Plantation Village, where there is a walk through a tunnel named "The Mits Shito Tunnel" that connects the plantation era museum to the housing village that displays the types and styles of homes that could be found on plantations during our state's agricultural heydays; and

WHEREAS, Mits Shito was very instrumental in helping AMFAC acquire the necessary support and permits to transition from a "Big 5" sugar plantation to becoming a developer of a planned community that was to be called Waikele; and

WHEREAS, Mits Shito believed so much in this project that he and Genevieve even purchased the model home in Waikele's Golf Club Estates subdivision; and

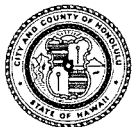
WHEREAS, in 1994, when the Waikele Community Association transitioned from the developer over to the homeowners, Mits Shito was elected president of the association's first board of directors and for the next 16 years helped guide this community through its three important stages: development (construction), growth, and preservation; and

WHEREAS, it is a testament to his great leadership that Waikele now stands as one of Hawaii's premier planned communities; and

WHEREAS, Waikele Neighborhood Park is a 5.00-acre park located at 94-930 Lumiauwau Street, Waipio, Hawaii, located in close proximity to Mits' and Genevieve's home; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu that the Waikele Neighborhood Park be renamed the Mitsuo "Mits" Shito Waikele Neighborhood Park; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the council requests the city administration to erect appropriate signage and approves the placement of such signage at the park; and



CITY COUNCIL
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No. 10-79

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BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that copies of this Resolution be transmitted to the mayor, the director of parks and recreation, the Waialeale Community Association, the Waipahu Neighborhood Board, the Friends of Waipahu Cultural Garden Park, and the family of the late Mitsuo and Genevieve Shito.

INTRODUCED BY:

Hank Brown

DATE OF INTRODUCTION:

MAR 23 2010

Honolulu, Hawaii

Councilmembers

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C E R T I F I C A T E

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Introduced: 03/23/10 By: NESTOR GARCIA

Committee: PUBLIC SAFETY AND
SERVICES


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Links: RES10-79
CR-126

PUBLIC SAFETY AND SERVICES	05/06/10	CR-126 – RESOLUTION REPORTED OUT OF COMMITTEE FOR ADOPTION.			
COUNCIL	05/12/10	CR-126 AND RESOLUTION 10-79 WERE ADOPTED.			
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GARCIA	Y	KOBAYASHI	Y	OKINO	Y
				DELA CRUZ	Y
				TAM	Y
				DJOU	Y

I hereby certify that the above is a true record of action by the Council of the City and County of Honolulu on this RESOLUTION.


BERNICE K. N. MAU, CITY CLERK


TODD K. APO, CHAIR AND PRESIDING OFFICER